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AUTOCORRELATION-BIT-ERROR  
DETECTION APPARATUS AND  
METHOD USING OPTICAL  
BRANCH SYSTEM

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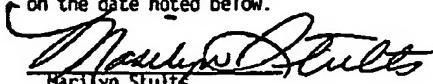
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